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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Applicant's claim for the benefit of a prior-filed application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, or 365(c) is acknowledged.

Drawings

The drawings filed on 22 January 2004 are deemed acceptable.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter

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which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

As for claims 1 and 29, the "plurality of manners" (as claimed in line 10 of these claims) in which the memory can be accessed is not adequately described in the specification.

Likewise for claims 17 and 45, the "in certain manners" of memory access in lines 7-8 (and lines 10-11 in claim 45) are not adequately described in the specification, therefore it is unclear in what manners the subsystem can access the memory. More specifically, the only reference to the manner in which the subsystem can access the memory is found in paragraph 0025, lines 6-7. This description however only goes as far as indicating that the subsystem can access the memory in "certain manners".

Claims 2-18, 20-27, 30-44 and 46-56 are further rejected as they depend either directly or indirectly on one of the aforementioned rejected base claims.

4. Claims 1-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

As for claims 1 and 29, it is unclear how the memory can be accessed in one of a "plurality of manners" (as claimed in line 10 of these claims).

Likewise for claims 17 and 45, Applicant fails to provide sufficient details in order to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to understand specifically how the subsystems can access the memory "in certain manners" in lines 7-8 (and lines 10-11 in claim 45).

Claims 2-18, 20-27, 30-44 and 46-56 are further rejected as they depend either directly or indirectly on one of the aforementioned rejected base claims.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As for claims 1 and 29, the "plurality of manners" (as claimed in line 10 of these claims) renders the claims indefinite, as the specification fails to provide any specifics as to what manners the claimed subsystem can access the memory.

Likewise for claims 17 and 45, the "in certain manners" of memory access in lines 7-8 (and lines 10-11 in claim 45) renders the claims indefinite, as the specification fails to provide any specifics as to how the claimed subsystem can access the memory "in certain manners".

Claims 2-18, 20-27, 30-44 and 46-56 are further rejected as they depend either directly or indirectly on one of the aforementioned rejected base claims.

Remarks

6. No prior art has been applied to claims 1-56 due to the ambiguities set forth above in the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Gschwind et al. (US PG Publication 2003/0046492 A1) teaches a configurable memory array.

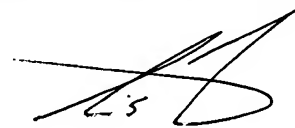
King et al. (US PG Publication 2003/0147457 A1) teaches a data message bit synchronization method an architecture

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Craig E. Walter whose telephone number is (571) 272-8154. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30a - 5:00p M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mano Padmanabhan can be reached on (571) 272-4210. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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